THE TOPICAL TALKER.

Atlantic City says that that dreadful seas

is dreadfully hot, and everybody is flying

Nor long ago a friend of mine engaged a new

man to look after his horses and garden. After

"Why, Alex and Sander," replied the man aconscious of any blunder.

It was no use to try to convince him that he

Other Gossip.

"What are they?"

"Alexander," replied he.

"No, sir; two."
"How do you make that out?"

phia is rather more than questionable.

THERE is a lady in this city whose enemie

if she has any, would never suspect her of being a baseball crank; who, nevertheless shows

every sign of having become one this season. The other day I happened to meet her early, in

with an air of great anxiety if I knew the re-

sult of the Alleghenies match. I told her that

the Alleghenies had won; and her face lighted

"But," said I, "surely you don't care any

he could, and his tongue never wagged about

anything else. I told him that when this season

began that only on one condition would I allow him to talk baseball all the time. That con-

from the baseball fever which my husband

"No, got my money, but I don't care for tha

-all my cigarette pictures are gone!" And two

A CORNER IN BULLDOGS.

The Standard People Gain a Menopoly o

the Terrier Market.

The Standard Oil Company has practically

etween six months and a year old and in good

mals have been shipped south to the refineries of the company. The dogs at \$15 apiece, of

course, are not pure bred, but are good fight

ers nevertheless.

It is supposed that most of the dogs are to be

sent to the South and Southwest, where the Standard Oil Company has established numer-

ous distributing stations for its products. A good deal of money has been put into these sta-

tions, and as the company cannot insure then it desires to protect them as far as possible from

risks. One of the most dangerous of these risks is from loafers smoking about the oil

tanks. The air in such a vicinity is always filled with gas from the oil, and it takes very little to start a fire. In keeping off such char-acters as would be likely to congregate around their places a bulldog with a fierce jaw is worth two watchmen.

PAPER CASINGS FOR SAUSAGE.

Delicate Point Decided by Assist

WASHINGTON, May 16.-Assistant &

Secretary Tichener,

lichenor has affirmed the decision of the Col

at the rate of 15 per cent advalorem on certain

TINEAVORABLE LEGISLATION

Discussed at a Meeting of the Nations

Board of Fire Underwriters.

New York, May 10.—The twenty-third annual meeting of the National Board of Fire Underwriters was held this morning in the

Underwriters was held this morning in the new rooms of the New York Board of Fire Underwriters in the Mutual Life building. President D. A. Heald presided. The report of Treasurer J. S. Parish showed a favorable condition of the finances. Several papers on subjects of their own selection were read by several of the insurance men present. President J. N. Dunham, of the Springfield Fire and Marine Company, confined his remarks to alleged unfavorable legislation which the fire insurance business is suffering under "Unfavorable legislation," he said, "is one of the obstacles we have to contend against. The insurance companies by sharp and, at times, unfair adjustment of losses. One instance of sharp practice in a town will, as soon as it becomes known, produce a very bad effect in the community, and unfavorable legislation is the inevitable result."

Something Wrong With Stanley.

Something is wrong. Stanley has not die

DEATHS OF A DAY.

Allen Thorndike Rice.

NEW YORE, May 16.—Allen Thorndike Rice, th newly appointed Minister to Bussia, died sud denly this morning at the Fifth Avenue Hotel

where he was a guest. Mr. Rice had been suffer ing from a throat affection for a few days past but was not supposed to be in any danger. He in tended to sail for Europe yesterday, in the lumar steamer City of Paris, but was compelled to deta-his departure, owing to his sickness.

Colonel Fred Gerker.

PHILADELPHIA, May 16.—Colonel Fred Gerker, Internal Revenue Collector, died in this city this morning. He was an old friend of Samuel J. Randall, by whose influence he was appointed collector. He attended all the Democratic State Conventions and was well known in political cir-

From the Oil City Blizzard. 1

big tears rolled down his cheeks

From the Philadelphia Call.1

up with a most radiant smile.

thing about such things?"

"But that's only one,"

ESTABLISHED FEBRUARY 8, 1846. Vol. 44, No. 39.-Entered at Pittsburg Postoffice, Business Office--97 and 99 Fifth Avenue. News Rooms and Publishing House--75,

77 and 79 Diamond Street. Average net circulation of the daily edition of The Disputch for six menths ending cease to exist. The best advice to give to May 1, 1889,

28,051

Copies per lesue. Average not circulation of the Sunday edition of The Dispatch for April, 1889, 46,143

Copies per issue

TERMS OF THE DISPATCH.

POSTAGE FREE IN THE UNITED STATES DALLY DESPATCH, Including Sunday, per ousties a death of short and and ousties QUARTET.

DISPATCH, including Sunday, one

PITTSBURG, FRIDAY, MAY 17, 1888.

WEEKLY DISPATCH, one year ......

NOTHING MORE TO GIVE AWAY It is hardly worth while to treat seriously the application for a charter for an electric railway on Diamond street to the suburbs. Coming at a time when the pressure of cable traffic in the other leading thoroughfares makes the widening of Diamond street a necessity as a means of securing an unobstructed avenue to the East End, the proposal to seize on this last remaining outlet for corporation profit is simply ridiculous if seriously meant. It intended only for a joke, it is a very poor one.

Of course, no mere charter granted at Harrisburg can give any rights to construct an electric or other railroad in the city. Councils have, and will continue to have clear control of all the streets. The people gladly acquiesced in the grant of privileges to the cable lines already constructed and in process of construction, because they were urgently needed by the public. The rights were very valuable; but the convenience to citizens getting to and from their homes was commensurately great. So, too, the enterprise of those who undertook to give the first rapid transit deserved encouragement. But for cables or electric or any other form of track on Diamond street, there will never be any excuse, excepting the failure of the Fifth avenue or Second avenue lines to furnish proper facilities, or because of extortionate charges by them. And if such a contingency should arise, the form of a charter at Harrisburg. The city months and a year, and in good condition. should have the benefit of its worth. It is one thing to give rights to erect a great pubquite another to make a clear gift for the petite are qualifications which are likely to mere financial benefit of a few people, and this at the additional expense of the public

salety and convenience. It has been hinted that the new company proposal is not bong fide, but in the interest the existing traction lines, and intended to block future competition. There cannot rather than mere bull dogs. The squeezing be much in this view, however, as the mere getting of a charter confers no right to any given route; and if not put in operation the | able to monopolize the supply of bull dogs, charter itself would be forfeitable for non- we can readily imagine that at least one secuser. The application is a mere waste of tion of society will rejoice. Many a love suit, activity, no matter from what point otherwise as calm and happy as a summer day,

lusive nature of human ambitions which diminution in the demand for trousers. make a wide and painful impression. Mr. Rice was a young man not merely of great promise, but of very considerable performonce. In literature and public affairs he ing a notably prosperous American maga- criticism from those who think the proposal ing explorations for research among famous views exist as to the Commissioner's posiin the supply of live material for news. seems to be conceded that his vigorous and the Court of St. Petersburg. To get through soldiers who have to deal with it. Comwith this varied programme, and to succeed missioner Tanner is evidently very much a in commanding more or less a national live man, and even those who may differ reputation by the discharge of each particu- from his views of policy will likely have to lar part of it, was no mean or inconsiderable give him strong credit for his administra-

rounded his 36th year. The death of Mr. Rice will be regretted very sincerely by those who have observed his career. It removes one whose distinguishing characteristic was an almost feverish impulse to activities designed to serve his times and to bring him worthy fame.

PITTSBURG'S POLICE ARE LUCKY. The police force of Pittsburg should congratulate itself on its freedom from the exasperating trials that seem perennially to afflict the guardians of Chicago's peace. Pittsburgers are not given to murder, burglary and mysterious disappearance, as Chiengoans are, apparently with the sole view of discrediting the local police. At present the Chicago bluecoats are dragging all Lake Michigan for the body of Dr. Cronin, who persists in chatting cheerfully with reporters in Toronto, forgetting that he has disappeared. The Chicago police have not recovered from the effects of a sudden change of metal badges, which occurred when disposal his weigh will be quite clear. Mayor Cregier came into office, and the ghastly humor of Dr. Cronin naturally dis-

turbs them. terious disappearer, was another instance of country well in the field, and in peace he this cowardly and cruel tendency of Chica- has been foremost in many beneficent entergoans to poke fun at their police. McGarigle, the boodler of Cook county, was an- be widely and sincerely mourned. other. How would our efficient officers tike such unsympathetic conduct on the part of Pittsburg's citizens, criminal and otherwise? They would not appreciate it, we are sure. Therefore, when Pittaburg po- protection at home; may be continue the licemen fall to comparing the size of their good work abroad. THE DISPATCH conshields and salaries with those of their gratulates him. brethren in other cities, we trust they will not forget to count on the credit side, the abstention of Pittsburgers from such annoying practices as we have indicated.

TWO BETS.

It will do nobody harm to read two short stories which the New York correspondent of THE DISPATCH contributes to an adjoining column to-day. In one place it is told how Francis D. Duffin, a printer, bet \$500 handicap on Wednesday, and, when another | be the last Emperor much longer. horse won the race, killed himself. The other story tells how the millionaire, Pierre Loril-

not make an assault upon his life. In a way it would be satisfactory to say

horse that wins. But this is hardly the moral we ought to extract from the contrasting results of the two bets made upon the same race. It is unfortunately impossible to tell which horse is going to win. If it were possible racing as a pastime would everybody is undoubtedly: Do not bet. But a slight modification of this might be made with comparatively small injury to the principle involved. Our advice revised would be: Have nothing to do with betting on horse races or any other sport unless you can afford to lose always. Not to lose now and then merely, but to lose always. Pierre Lorillard is, happily for him, so situated financially that he can throw away hundreds and even thousands of dollars. The suicide, Francis D. Duffin imperiled his home and his whole fortune when he went into the betting ring. A loss of but a part

MUSIC IN THE AIR.

Not within the recollection of the oldest inhabitant, as the saving goes, has Pittsburg THE DAILY DISPATOR is delivered by carriers at enjoyed such a distinguished and enjoyable season of music as this apring has brought to her. The visiting organizations have been numerous and of an unusually high grade of excellence-the Boston Symphony Orchestra, which has just given us two splendid exhibitions of its powers under the baton of Mr. Gericke, very fitly exemplifying the highest point reached. Nor have local artists been backward. As has been already said by THE DISPATCH, the Mozart Club, two nights ago, surpassed all its pre-vious notable efforts in its rendering of the oratorio of "Elijah." Other musical bodies in this city have shown work of a very high

It is pleasant matter for thought at this day that the grandest event of all is yet to come, the May Festi al. The preparations for this great series of concerts have been made so carefully and with such intelligent zoal that their success seems assured.

A CORNER IN BULL DOGS. Men who have pretty daughters must be careful of their backyard representatives, for the Standard Oil Company is threatening to corner the market in bull terriers. For some weeks to come it will be well for parents to count the bull terriers before reiring to rest. It is well known to what lengths the Standard Oil Company will go to secure its ends. It may not find bull dogs quite as easy to absorb as oil or gas wells and, where the Standard eannot obtain a bull dog by fair means, it will by foul. The dogs are to be used for watch duty in the refineries and warehouses of the Stand-

ard Company, and the first order put upon privilege assuredly will not be granted to the market by their agents, the Associated the first parties who choose to acquire the Fanciers, is for 200 dogs, aged between 6 We presume that dogs that know how to lic necessity, and while the measure of their independent scouts will sell at a premium. value is yet unassured by experiment; it is An ability to hang on and a very large ape very desirable. The Standard likes its employes to be in full sympathy with itself. It is on this account that we are rather surprised that the Standard Oil Company has not decided to guard its refineries and warehouses with anacondas and boa constrictors

power of the snake is truly Standard-like. If it should happen that the Standard is has been torn into sanguinary tatters by the teeth of an unrelenting bull terrier. The A NOTABLE CAREER SUDDENLY ENDED. | bull dog certainly is more in place guarding The sudden death of Allen Thorndyke | tanks of oil than marring suits of clothes Rice, just at the time he had expected to and love. With the bull dogs secluded, start for the post of Minister to Russia, is there will be a great reduction in rents all one of those dramatic instructions in the de- over the country, and tailors will note a

PENSIONS COMMISSIONER TANNER'S remarks on State relief in the South for disabled and impoverished ex-Confederate took a lively and successful interest, mak- veterans have been met with pretty vigorous zine by sheer originality of ideas; organis- conflicts with the Constitution. Whatever ruins of the Old World; dabbling somewhat | tion on mattersof legislation, it nevertheless papers; running for Congress; writing prompt administration of the executive afbiographies of American statesmen of note; fairs of the Pensions Office is giving very and finally undertaking the appointment to great satisfaction to the thousands of old record for a young man who had not yet tion of executive affairs before his term runs through.

A SANGUINE observer of theatrical affairs suggests that the sale of Mrs. Langtry's scenery and stage properties to take place shortly indicates that she intends to retire from the stage. It is too good to be true. Mrs. Langtry cannot be retiring.

Now that it is reported that Benjamin P. Hutchinson, otherwise "Old Hutch," wept like Miss Georgia Cayvan when he saw "Little Lord Fauntleroy" at the theater, the movement to have him canonized as Chicago's patron saint ought to crystalize. A statue of "Old Hutch," mounted on a brass crocodile, should be erected in Chicago's Board of Trade.

BEAM is the name of a young Latrobe baseball pitcher whose services are wanted by the Pittsburgs. Hustling Horace has found the scales are going against his men, and he thinks if he has the Beam at his

By the death of Major Samuel Harper this community loses a very valuable friend, Tuscott, the burglar, murderer and mys- defender and counselor. He served his prises. The death of so good a citizen will

> JOHN JARRETT certainly earned the recognition he has received from the President. He has been a powerful defender of

> Some of Chauncey Depew's friends are trying to persuade him that his gift of oratory is a bar to his securing the Presidency of the United States. This is absurd, even if Mr. Depew does hire some other man to keep him supplied with eloquence at so much a rhetorical flower.

DOM PEDRO is said to have predicted that he is the last Emperor Brazil will ever sec. He is right, and if the signs of the on a horse named Hanover in the Brooklyn | times mean anything, Dom Pedro will not

lard, bet \$600 on Exile in the same race, and, ory. The young State remembers that when that horse won, cleared \$8,000 on his Democratic House of Representatives adinvestment. Of course Mr. Lorillard did | mitted her, but has forgotten how her entry into the family circle of the United States was delayed by Democrats. Anyhow, she that it is foolish to bet upon any but the has gone Democratic.

THE Pittsburg pitchers seem to be all broken, and it is not apparently from their having gone to the well too often. Nobody would mourn if the club fell into the well and staved there.

THE Adaville, Minn., Courier says: "The fact is, St. Louis women are prettier than Chicago women," and even at the distance of five hundred miles we can hear the gal lant Chevalier Field shout: "Ods bodkins! cut the Adaville Courier off our exchange

PEOPLE OF PROMINENCE.

THE Hon. Samuel J. Randall took advantage of the pleasant weather to take a drive yester day morning. He expressed himself as feeling well, and his appearance corroborated his a

Ph. D. degree at Johns Hopkins University in June, has just been appointed to the Chair of History and Sociology at the Kansas State University, Lawrence, Kan.

SECRETARY TRACY took a party of friend

down the Potomac river as far as Mt. Vernon yesterday on the Despatch. Secretary Blaine will make the same trip to-day, in compan with the new British Minister. CONGRESSMAN ARCHIE BLISS, of Brooklys recently remarked: "It costs money to be a member of the House. I have been a Congressman for 15 years, and have spent \$10,000 a year outside of my salary. It has cost me \$150,000,

therefore, to represent my constituents."

M. ROUSTAN, the French Minister to the United States, is a man of medium beight, with dark hair and eyes and closely trimmed mussche. He is one of the most popular mem bers of the Diplomatic Corps at Washington. He is a bachelor, fond of society, and a great liner-out.

THE corporation of Yale University met yes terday and appointed Prof. Albert S. Cook Ph. D., of Berkley, Cal., to the chair of English in the academic department. This professor-ship was made vacant in 1884, when Prof. Cyrus G. Northrop accepted the presidency of the University of Minnesota. HERR JOSEF RITTER VON WERNDL, the

great Austrian rifle inventor and manufacturer. ained his knowledge of firearms in America and then from a small beginning built up a fac tory employing 8,000 men. On the announce-ment of his death stock in the concern fell 10 er cent, showing the importance in which his rsonality was held. FRANK DEMPSTER SHERMAN, the dreamy

poet, or rather "writer of society verse," used to be a retail stationer at Peekskill. It is said that owing to a splendid opinion of nimself he has not met with the fame that might come to him were he more agreeable to those who could give him the proper boost. He has a morbid ters and does not deign an in dislike of rep

HAYS-SCOTT.

Brilliant Social Event in a Charming

Swissvale Home. The beautiful residence of Mr. John Hays, the well-known tobacco manufacturer of Allegbeny, nestling among the trees at Swissvale, was the scene of a brilliant society event last evening. It was the wedding of Mr. Hays' beautiful and accomplished daughter, Mariam, to Mr. W. R. Scott, formerly with Kuhn Bros., of the East End.

f the East End.

The ceremony was performed at 7:30 o'clock, y Rev. B. F. Woodburn, pastor of the Sanusky Street, Allegheny, Baptist Church, asisted by Rev. E. D. Hammond, of the Shady venue Church, in the midst of a large circle of relatives and immediate friends. After the cremony the company assembled in the spatous dipine hall where a wedding hangust was In this age it is not often that you find even boy of 10 or 12 who does not value money more than almost anything else. Yesterday a boy of about that age approached his father who occupied the seat in front of me in a suburban train and said with show of considerable ost my pocketbook!" "All your money gone, ch?"

served.

The wedding presents were both numerous and costly. The young couple will take an extended Eastern bridal trip, and upon their return will settle down in a house already fur nished, by the groom, in the East End.

AN ALLEGHENY RECEPTION.

Mrs. William Thaw, Jr., Entertains at Her Residence on the Northside. One of the leading society events of the season was the reception given by Mrs. William

season was the reception given by Mrs. William Thaw, Jr., at her residence, No. 21 Lincoln avenue, Allegheny, last evening. The bonse was beautifully decorated with flowers and tropical plants. Toerge's Orchestra occupied an alcove in one part of the building. The guests began to arrive shortly after 9 o'clock, and were royally entertained.

About 150 guests were present and enjoyed a very pleasant evening. An elegant luncheon was served at midnight, Mr. Thaw will leave for Europe in a few days, and his many friends bid him goodby and wished him a very pleasant trip.

Among the pleasant events of last evening were: A reception given by Mrs. John Harper, of Cliff street, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. John, Jr., who soon go to New York: a progressive euchre at Mrs. Annie Heppenstali's, Lincoln avenue, East Endi a musical and literary entertainment by the Mark Twain Literary Society in the Milivale Opera House, with Miss Clara Ramsey, of Youngstown, elecutionist, as the bright particular star.

The old-time concert announced to be given in Masonic Hall, at Washington and Madison in masonic train, at wanington and manison streets. Allegheny, this evening, promises to be a highly amusing affair. Among the musicians will be the Central Reformed Presbyterian Church Choral Society and the Alpine Quartet. A programme that promises well, and the ren-dition of which will be nicely set off in quaint costumes, is published.

Peterson-Besturck.

Miss Mollie Peterson and Mr. John Besturck of McKeesport, were married in the First M. E. Church at that place last evening. The coremony was performed by Rev. Dr. Mansell amid a large number of relatives and friends of the young couple.

WHO KILLED BISHOP?

Wife and Mother of the Mind Rende Blume the Surgeons. Special Telegram to The Dispatch.

NEW YORK, May 16.-There will be an inquiry and perhaps another autopsy in the case of W Irving Bishop, the mind reader who, according to the medical testimony, died last Monday a cataleptic seizure that followed an exhibition of his peculiar powers at the Lambs' Club. Mrs. Eleanor Fletcher Bishop, his mother, clings to her belief that her son died under the surgeon's her belief that her son died under the surgeon's knife. It was at first decided that Bishop's funeral should take place to-morrow, but the later developments have caused it to be postponed until donday. Mrs. Eleanor Fietcher Bishop is still at the Hoffman House with the wife of the dead mind reader. To-day she sent a letter to Dr. Allen McLane Hamilton and Dr. Spitzka, asking them to assist her in the investigation she was about to begin. Mrs. Bishop also sent the following letter to Coroner Ferdinand Levy:

Bishop also sent the following letter to Coroner Ferdinand Levy:

I am of the belief, founded upon my knowledge of previous attacks, that the autopsy performed by Drs. Irwin and Ferguson was unwarranted. I therefore demand that a further examination be made with a view to determine whether my son died under the surveon's knife or from catalepsy.

\* ELEANOR FLETCHER BISHOF.

THE HOFFMAN HOUSE, May 16, 1885.

The HOFFMan House, May 16, 1889.
Coroner Levy received Mrs. Bishop's letter to-night, and after consulting with her and with Bishop's wife, decided to subposua the doctors and others interested in the case to appear before him at 4 o'clock to-morrow afternoon. Dr. Hamilton and Dr. Spitzka will be called upon as experts, and Drs. Lee, Irwin and Ferguson will testify to the facts.

Bishop's body has been partly embalmed, and lies in the undertakers' rooms. The funeral will be on Mondays afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Gavernor Benver Takes a Hollday. setal Telegram to The Dispatch. HARRISBURG, May 16.-The Governor has about 120 bills to dispose of, many of which call for appropriations. As he will leave for New York to-morrow, and Secretary Stone will be absent until next week, no additional bills will likely be acted on this week, 11

Resting Their Brains. NASHVILLE, May 16.—The Ohio Editorial Association, nearly 100 strong, reached here tonight, and were entertained at the rooms of the Commercial Club. They igave to-morrow for Florence, Ala.

No Roars Heard Yet. Alta California. Blaine has been two months in office and the British lion still has a tail. Far better things AN EVENING OF HARMONY.

Good Programme of Fine Music Superbly Atlantic City Crowded Already-Two Names Rendered-The Closing Concert by the From One-A Slur on Philindelphia and Mexart Club and Boston Symphony Or-A PITTSBURGER who has just returned from

chestra. The second of the Mozart Club and Bosto sort is now already crowded. Pretty well all the cottages to be disposed of are already sold for Symphony Orchestra concerts drew to Old City Hall last night another large audience, reprethe season; and the hotels also are fairly filled. sentative of Pittsburg's most cultured and The weather has been very pleasant there of late, although it has already been hot. It may fashionable circles. As if satisfied with the triumphs of the first evening the home club comfort Pittsburgers who are unable to fly to the seashore to know that the mosquitoes have gave this occasion entirely into the hands of Mr. Wilhelm Gericke and his superb orchestra. already appeared in Atlantic City. New York Mr. and Mrs. Georg Henschel, who are with the orchestra throughout the present tour, and Mr. C. M. Loeffler, the second in rank among the peerless body of violinists, were the soloists that aided in the production of the follow-

the question of salary had been settled my friend asked his new employe what his first name was. "I have two first names," replied Variations, from the "Rustic Walking Wariations, from the "Rustic Walking Wotan's Farewell and Fire Charm, from "Die Walkinere" Walkinere Walkinere Walking Wa

It was not a satisfactory programme from any other standpoint than as a medium to display the resources and discipline of the orchestra. The great predominance of the ultraonly possessed one first name, and now he is modern school gave a continuous succession of called Alex and Sander indifferently by the brilliant, bizarre effects that became cloying members of the household in which he lives.

ONE day last week a party of insurance men, among whom were representatives of Pittsburg, and the refreshing art gallery of the Hoffman House, New York, to discuss the weather and other timely topics. The Pittsburgers and the New Yorkers seemed disposed to have fun with the Philadelphians. A New York insurance man particularly persisted in calling Philadelphia. timely topics. The Pittsburgers and the New Yorkers seemed disposed to have fun with the Philadelphians. A New York insurance man particularly persisted in calling Philadelphia

Philadelphians. A New York insurance man particularly persisted in calling Philadelphia Wanamaker-Town. To this some of the Philadelphians took hearty exception. But a New Yorker said that if he were to send a letter addressed to Wanamaker-Town, it would be delivered in Philadelphia. Thereupon one of the Philadelphians offered to bet \$100 that it couldn't be done. The New Yorker promptly accepted the wager. The \$100 was promptly put up in the hands of a Pittsburger, and 12 letters were directed to different addresses in Philadelphia. The name of the city, however, was invariably written Wanamaker-Town. Every letter reached its destination and answers were received: and the New Yorker spent his \$100 so easily won in champagne for the crowd on Saturday last.

The legality of delivering letters, however, addressed to Wanamaker-Town in Philadelphia is rather more than questionable.

and return to Vienna. Mrs, Henschel's singing of Liszt's beautiful song (how lovely it is with the composer's own orchestration) renewed her conquest of the preceding night alike over musician and amateur. It was delicious, from every point of view.

It is to be regretted that Mr. Henschel's introduction to a Pittsburg audience was not made in the role of Elijah—in which he is supreme—rather than in the Wotan lines, which were both lingually and dramatically incomprehensible to most of his hearers. One needs the stage scene, or, at least, memory of it, in order to full appreciation of this extract from the "Walknere." Mr. Henschel sang with a dramatic intensity and nobility of style, which made the very best of the situation. What a pity we could not have the opportunity of hearing these two great artists in one of their altogether charming vocal recitals.

Mr. Loeffler considerably deepened the favorable impression produced by his playing here two years ago. He seems to have undergone some artistic development in the meantime; his style is hreader, and the whole effect of his It was delicious, from every point of view. the evening, before the result of the afternoon game had become known, and she asked me "Well," she replied, you know my husband last season was the most dreadful crank on the subject of baseball. He went to all the matches some artistic development in the meantime; his style is broader and the whole effect of his playing more brilliant and masterful. All honor to the unselfish and indefatigable workers of the Mozart Club, who by these two dition is that every time the Alleghenies win he is to pay me a dollar. I fear I shall not make a fortune, but I mean to get some benefit concerts have more than ever proved their or canization to be not only the most enduring but the most valuable element in our higher

CLEARS HIS OWN SKIRTS.

Marshal Needles Not Gullty of Law-Breaking, if His Deputies Were. VASHINGTON, May 16 .- The eral has received a report from T. B. Needles, of Indian Territory, in regard to the conduct of himself and deputies at the opening of Okla-homa territory, on the 22d of April. "As far as I am concerned," he says, "I have not entered I am concerned," he says, "I have not entered any land or lands, town let or lots, in the Oklahoma district, and have no interest whatever, directly or indirectly, near or remote, of any kind or nature, in any land or lease in the territory. I do not know positively as to my deputies, but have had an intimation that one of them has secured a town lot in Guthrie, and one or two have entered quarter sections of land. I am not positive as to this, but will at once ascertain the fact and report to you. I have heard of no other violations of the law by my deputies." cornered the bull-terrier market by ordering 200 of the animals of the Associated Fanciers. The animals will cost \$15 apiece and must be

have heard of no other violations of the law by my deputies."
Marshal Needles explains that he did not fully investigate the action of his deputies because two special agents of the Land Office have been engaged for two weeks investigating the whole matter. Their reports have been sent to Washington, and he presumed the Attorney General had been fully advised in regard to them. Attorney General Miller said this afternoon that it was just to Mr. Needles to say that the reports of the special agents showed that he had belped them materially in their investigations, and that there was nothing to show that he had done anything wrong. The Attorney General added that he would expect Marshal Needles to make an investigation of the action of his deputies in entering lands.

THE DUTY ON LEAD ORE. Arguments Made For and Against Its Lower

Classification. WASHINGTON, May 16.-The hearing in regard to the classification of lead ore was con-tinued before Assistant Secretary Tich-enor, of the Treasury Department, to-day. Arguments in support of the present ruling, un-der which lead ore, mixed with silver ore of greater value, is admitted free were made by ex-Governor McCrary, Judge J. K. McCammon, ex-Governor McCrary, Judge J. K. McCammon, Oscar Keen, of Newark, and A. R. Meyer, of Kansas City. Arguments in favor of a change in the practice, so as to compel lead ore to pay duty as lead, no matter how much silver may be contained in the ore, were made by Senator Walcott, of Colorado; ex-Governor Grant, of Colorado; Mr. Sheedy, of Colorado, and Mr. R. M. White, of New Mexico. The closing argument was made by Senator Walcott, who said he represented no client in particular, but spoke against the free admission of foreign lead in the interests of the whole people of his State. ector of Customs at New York assessing duty at the rate of 15 per cent advalorem on certain so-called sausage casings, which the importers claimed were entitled to free entry under the provision for sausage skins, or under the provision for non-enumerated articles assimilating to articles in the free list and in the manufacture of which no dutiable material is used. The articles in question consist of long tubes of paper which have been treated with suiphuric acid to make them hard and impervious to water. The importers assert that they are made from a proparation of parchment, and are known as artificial sausage casings. They are in general use in Europe and are now being introduced into this country.

Assistant Secretary Tichenor holds that as they are in fact manufactures of paper, they were properly subjected to duty as such, and says that as they are just being introduced into this country they certainly could not have been commercially known as sausage skins at the time of the passage of the tariff act. Assistant Secretary Tichenor says the question will be thoroughly considered by the de-partment, but cannot well be decided for a

onth yet. · CORNERING THE JUTE TRUST. Several Farmers Combine to Bring a Com-

bine to Terms. Special Telegram to The Dispatch BIRMINGHAM, ALA., May 16.—An important meeting of farmers assembled in this city to-day. It was composed of about 100 delegates, representing every organization of farmers in the ten cotton-growing States. The meeting was called for the purpose of adopting a substitute for jute bagging, unless the trust would make favorable terms with the farmers. J. V. Donophin, of St. Louis, representing the Jute Bagging Trust, appeared before the meeting and offered to sell jute bagging at 10% cents. He could not make a contract for the entire season without anthority from the officers of the trust, and he was given until to-morrow to hear from them.

If the trust refuses to make a contract not to BIRMINGHAM, ALA., May 16 .- An important ear from them. If the trust refuses to make a contract not to dvance prices during the cotton season, cot-ton bagging manufactured by Southern mills will be adopted as a substitute for jute.

OUR SILENT SENATOR. OIL CITY Blizzard: Mr. Quay seems to be

running about everything in the State exceptor the weather. PHILADELPHIA Times: If Fisherman Quay could balt his books with offices he could catch fish by the hundred without going near the NEW YORK Commercial Advertiser: It may

be true that there is no politics in the special

voting on the amendment, but there is a great deal of politics in Senator Quay. PROVIDENCE Journal: Senator Quay has announced that he will vote for the prohibitory amendment in Pennsylvania—but it is more than suspected that he is agin its passage. CHICAGO Times: Chairman Quay is off for a week of fishing. Since Senator Sherman left the country Chairman Quay is taking matters very quietly. When the Senator was here the Chairman slept with one eye open and a horse-pistol under his pillow.

CHICAGO News: Senator Quay has gone fishing in a yacht along with Hamilton Disston, the man who makes saws. It is supposed that they are after sawfish. Mr. Disston is not the first Philadelphian to make money out of sawa, Ben Franklin used to fill his almanacs with them for the delectation of the shrewd old quakers in the days of Ben Harrison's great-grandfather. SOME POLITICS IN IT.

Echoes From the Local Republican Contest -Everybody Confident-The Commander of the Forces-Offices and Mr. Quay's Ability to Get Them.

Colonel Bayno's headquarters are continually thronged with political workers, coming and going, and with important members of the party dropping in from time to time for consultation. No busier man could be found in Allegheny county during the past few days than the Colonel, but despite it all he was as calm and pleasant as though nothing out of the threw himself on the bed and died. regular line was in progress. A loose fitting dark gray suit and a straw hat has been his uniform, designed apparently more for comfort than ele-gance, but worn with characteristic grace. Colonel Bayne had advices from every district, but declined to give an estimate of the result. He and his followers express unbounded confidence in their ability to win, but the other side is not a bit behind in this respect. All through the city and county the hardest kind of hard work is in progress. "We are hustling," is the watchword of the hour. That is nearly all that can be said about the fight. The rest is morely the details of what the workers are doing. The Quay men feel more confident of winning the Sixth Legislative district since Mr. Cox has abandoned the contest for the District Attorneyship, and they refuse to absolutely and unconcitionally part from the idea that there has been at least a little trouble between C. L. Magee and William Flinn. There is an unconcealed hope among them that the but declined to give an estimate of the result. s an unconcealed hope among them that the atter may be won over to their side. They would welcome him with open arms, and they like to have him know it like to have him know it.

Senator Lines, of Susquehanna county, was in the city yesterday to see Senator Rutan, whom he found much improved in health. He was here after the adjournment of the Legiswas here after the adjournment of the Legislature two years ago, when things seemed different between Messra Quay and Magee. Senator Lines was sorry for the sake of the party that things are as they are, and said so to Representative Lemon. The latter agreed with him, and said he thought it a remarkably bad stroke of policy for the Quay people to bend their best energies to knocking out the men who had done the party work and won the party victories in Allegheny county.

The Magee workers are husting for their chieftain with as much vim as they ever did, but occasionally some of them remark dolefully on the fact that they are working the while against Federal offices. W. A. Magee, while predicting the usual large amount of victory for his side, wanted to know if it didn't look just a little bit irregular for the Chairman of the Republican State Committee to come into a county to take the part of one of the factions in a purely local fight. Mr. Andrews, however, has claimed all along to be taking no hand in the quarrel, but it is an unconcealed and unconcealable fact that he has not called upon the Magee people, nor they upon him, while his intercourse with the other side has been free

Talking About the Harm of It.

the Magee people, nor they upon him, while his intercourse with the other side has been free The Old and the New. Mr. Warmcastle, it is said, will not take his the 1st of July, unless the Government should request him to do so sooner. He has been distinguishing himself during several days past as a hustler in the domain of practical politics, though he had previously won a reputation in this line in ward councilmanic contests. Collector Bigler is ready to step down and out at any time. He is a Clearfield county man and is associated with Senator Betts, of that county, in a great many business enterprises. It is generally thought that Mr. Warmcastle was appointed on the expiration of Mr. Bigler's term, but the latter gentleman explains that the office is one for which there is no fixed tenure. Mr. Bigler was at Harrisburg when Senate bill 70 was before the House and labored among the Democrats in the interest of Mr. Magee. This may account, in some measure, for the fact that his is the first Democratic head to fall into the basket. inguishing himself during several days past

Postoffice Reports Galore.

The reports concerning the Pittsburg Post-office that were in circulation yesterday may be cosely and yet accurately described as various Mr. McKean is to be appointed next week; he is not to be appointed until Postmaster Larkins' time expires: the Quay people will not get the place at all, but it will not go to Mr. Ford, Congressman Dalzell being in favor of Frank Case, who was disappointed for the position of Collector of Internal Revenue; and last, but Collector of Internal Revenue; and last, but not least, Mayor McCallin is mentioned as a compromise candidate, though who offers the compromise is not stated. It auswered the purpose of the Magee men to throw as much uncertainty as possible around the postoffice appointment. An admission that the office would go to Mr. McKean would place the Quay people in a position to offer rewards in so far as the civil service rules do not interfere. Mr. McKean, however, is not among the least active of the Quay forces; and the fact that he expects to be postmaster, and will be if Mr. Quay can control the appointment, is not without its weight.

Just One Misunderstanding It may not be generally known that Mr. Warmcastle was the choice of N. P. Reed for the Pittsburg Postoffice. Mr. Reed had intended him to have it, but Dick Quay slipped in here one day, and after he slipped out again saw his father and had it all fixed for Mr. McKean before anything had been said to Senator Quay about the matter. This didn't make matters very pleasant, but oil was thrown upon the troubled waters by the promise of the internal revenue collectorahip to Mr. Warmcastle. A gentleman who has recently been in Washington brings the intelligence now that there may be some trouble concerning Mr. McKean's appointment, from the fact that Mr. Harrison likes to have the country understand that he is President, and not Mr. Quay or any other person. Some emphasis has been laid on the fact that Mr. McKean is especially and particularly Mr. Quay's candiespecially and particularly Mr. Quay's candidate, and Mr. Harrison may take it into his head to assert himself on the subject, and show the country who holds the appointing power.

Something Said to be Wrong. The noise made over the supposition that the silent statesman from Beaver was going to boss this administration is held to have injured silent statesman from Beaver was going to boss
this administration is held to have injured
Senator Quay at the White House, and
led to a disposition there not to
give him beeven that which is, speaking from the point of the practical politician,
only his due. Captain Delaney, Librarian of
the State Senate, who is an applicant for the
position of Commissioner of Registration and
Elections in Utah, is reported to have lost confidence in his chances because of this. There
are five appointees to this commission—three
Republicans and two Democrats. Captain Delaney practically had the State at his back
when he made the application. All the State
officials, from the Governor down, 48 Senators
and nearly all the Republican members of the
Legislature indorsed him and wrote letters for
him. Both United States Senators indorsed
him, More remarkable yet, a letter of indorsement was sent to Washington in his behalf by
ex-Sena.or Platt, of New York. This was the
only letter of indorsement written for anyone
by Mr. Platt. The only letter of indorsement
written by N. P. Reed for any candidate for
office was likewise written by him
in Delaney's behalf. In view of
all this, Captain Delaney expected to be
the first person named on the commission. But
two Republican members of the commission
have been appointed and Captain Delaney is
yet waiting. This is said to make him think he
will get left, and all because Mr. Harrison
doesn't want it understood that Mr. Quay is
President. Nevertheless, John Jarrett has

doesn't want it understood that Mr. Quay is President. Nevertheless, John Jarrett has been appointed at the behest of Mr. Quay, thus in a measure at least, nullifying such talk. Some of Harrisburg's Finest. Chief Clerk John W. Morrison, of the House of Representatives, returned to Pittsburg yes terday morning. He spent some days in Phila terday morning. He spent some days in Phila-delphia after adjournment. Representative Stewart, who came in from Harrisburg last night, where he has been getting street railway charters for clients, was at Quay headquarters this morning to inquire about the local fight. Dr. Donaldson, member of the Legislature from Washington, who dropped in about the same time to-see Captain Nesbit, said Wash-ington county is very much excited just now over the contest in the Republican party for the district attorneyship.

The Governor's Chorus.

The Pittsburg Exposition Society invites the Governors of Ohio, West Virginia and Maryland to assist with Governor Beaver, of Pennsylvania, at the exercises of the May Musical Festival. All right. Ohio can contribute to heavy on the "anvil chorus" or any branch of he programme requiring an extra expe if discord. It will be a loud festival.

THE LAMENT OF THE ROSE.

To-night I recline, debonair,
On the breast of a ball-room's fair queen,
And my frágrance enriches the air
As ahs moves in the dances serene;
And I drink in her lover's soft words,
As encircling her Hebe-like waist
He avers that of all the fair flowers
The lacene rose is most to his taste. The Jacque rose is most to his taste,

But, alast far too brief is my joy,
For to-morrow my reign will be o'er,
And the aweet lips that sounded my praise
In the morning will court me no more;
But instead I'll be torn all apart
And be thrown in a brie-a-brac vaso,
Where, forgotten mid spices and salt,
I'll sigh for my haloy on days.

—Arthur S.; Eimball, tuChtcago Me

GOSSIP OF GREAT GOTHAM.

Couldn't Stand His Race Losses. (NEW YORK BURRAU SPECIALS.)

NEW YORK, May 16.-Francis D. Duffin, a printer, 50 years old, bet \$500 on Hanover at the Brooklyn bandicap yesterday, and killed himself in a Brooklyn hotel late last night, Duffin had a comfortable home and \$600 in the bank. When he started for the Gravesend rich man. As soon as Exile had won the race he hurried back to Brooklyn, took a room at a hotel, closed the windows, turned on the gas,

No Money in Seiling Out a Man. The property of William R. Foster, Jr., who defrauded the Produce Exchange gratuity defrauded the Produce Exchange gratuity fund of \$198,000 by forging mortgages, was sold at Bayport, L. I., yesterday and to-day. Miss Lulu Foster, his adopted daughter, bid in the handsomest oil paintings at prices between \$200 and \$800. Mr. Foster's steam yacht, which cost him \$32,000 a short time ago, brought only \$7,000. Some \$10,000 worth of wine was sold for \$4,000. The Directors of the gratuity fund are very far from getting even with Mr. Foster by

Colonel Shepard to Branch Out Some. Mortgages for \$40,000 on the Brooklyn Standtion have been foreclosed by the New York Life Insurance Company. The paper has York Life Insurance Company. The paper use beea losing money, though reorganized and boosted in about every way known to stock-holders in failing newspapers, but always with-out success. Several big drygoods dealers who were stockholders agreed, one year ago, to give the paper enough advertising to pay the expenses of editing and printing it. Humors are afloat that Colonel Elliott F. Shepard, of the Mail and Express, thinks of buying what is left of the Standard-Union and of converting it into a red hot Republican daily. Colonel Shep ard's business manager, however, says that Colonel Shepard wouldn't have the Standard-Union if he could, because he expects to start a Brocklyn edition of the Mail and Express next September.

A Divorce Evidently in Order. Mrs. Frank Harrison, of Brooklyn, wishes divorce from her husband, Mr. Harrison is nan of some wealth. He belongs to four yacht clubs and is a captain in the crack Brooklyn regiment. Mrs. Harrison says that he fell in love with the wife of a brother yachts-man some months ago and altogether behaved himself as improperly as a husband could. Mr. Harrison is perfectly willing to be rid of his wife. He thinks she has worn too low necked resses at several large balls and has played fast and loose with a young man whose name is not Harrison. This young man played high jinks with Mrs. Harrison's heart while he was nicking on Mr. Harrison's yacht. Mr. Harrison is a man of wide reading and has been a great traveler. His income is about \$8,000 year and his only business to spend it.

Piaced a Few Dollars on Exile Pierre Lorillard was one of the few horse nen who did not expect Hanover or Terra Cotta to win the Brooklyn handicap. He bet 8000 on Exile, and cleared more than \$8,000 on

No Longer One of the Diamond Kings. John J. Burdock, the famous baseball player and "King of the second base," has retired from active work on the diamond to beco-clerk in a ready-made clothing store here.

She Waited for Her Mother to Die. Miss Tillie Frelinghuysen, daughter of the late Secretary of State, Frederick T. Freling-huysen, was married to H. Winnie Gray, in Newark, this afternoon. On account of the recent death of Mrs. Frelinghuysen the wedding was private. Mr. Gray was formerly the husband of William R. Travis' daughter, from whom he was divorced. It is said that the bride has long had an attachment for Mr. Gray, but as his suit was not regarded with favor by

An Attachment for Rese Coghlan Discouraged with waiting for Rose Coghlan pay him a visit, Judge Holmes, of the City ourt, to-day issued an attachment for her. She had been ordered to show cause to-day why he should not be punished for contempt in failing to appear in proceedings supplementary to execution on a judgment obtained against her by the Fourth National Bank. She did not come in person, but her attorney, A. Hirsch-field, presented her affidavit stating that she was sick; that she had no intention of disobeyposed her lawyer would settle the matter. The affidavit of her physician, E. H. Culver, set forth that on the day she was ordered to appear that she was confined to her bed with chronic tonsillitis. Mr. Hirschfield made an affidavit to the effect that he had arranged for an easy settlement of the debt, and that it was under stood with the bank's attorney that no advant-age should be taken of Miss Coghian's illness. In consideration of these statements, Judge Holmes granted a stay of proceedings until to-

an opportunity to appear voluntarily. A WOMAN HERMIT.

The Strange Occupant of a Mountain Cave in a Dreary Region.

COLUMBIA, PA., May 16 .- A woman who claims York as her home, but who refuses to reveal her name, is creating a sensation in up-per Lancaster county by her hermit life in the woody retreats near Falmouth, where she oc-cupies three caves in one of the wildest and supposed to be a religious famatic, and hundreds of people have ventured into her forest home to examine her romantic habita-

Her cave is divided into three compartments The first is 3 feet wide, 8 feet long and 6 fee high. In the rear of this is a second cave feet long, 8 feet wide and 7 feet high, in whice sections, 8 feet wide and 7 feet high, in whis she prepares her food gathered by foraging in the neighborhood. Back of this is a third cave feet high, 6 feet wide and 10 feet long, in whit is a rude bed of leaves and an old blankes protect her from the cold.

POISONED BY CORNED REEF.

Two New Jersey Families Made Serious Ill by Bating Ment. NEWARK, N. J., May 16 .- The family of John NEWARK, N. J., 2019 to.

Radel, President of the South Orange Horse
Railroad Company, are suffering from poisontun constitue of the control of the constituence of t ing occasioned by eating corned beef in the form sold in skins like sausage. They purform sold in skins like sausage. They purchased the beef from a butcher on Monday and partook freely of it yesterday. Last night they were in agony and toward morning fell into a perfound slumber from which they were aroused with difficulty.

It is believed the beef in its preparation was cooked in a copper vessel of some sort. The family of James Douglass are similarly affected.

PENNSYLVANIA PRODUCTS. A CHURCH in Montrose announces a "lemon

A MECHANICSBUBG sparrow stubbed its bill trying to get at a bunch of wax cherries in a A COUPLE of young men at Tionesta got out near the depot Sunday and incidentally shot 22 rattlesnakes. The thirty-third was captured

THE Lancaster Inquirer credits Joseph Shirk, of Spring Grove, now in his 70th year, with oli spring drove, now in its local year, was laving been the inventor of the revolver and other implements, and says that being a Mennonite, he never bothered about patent rights.

ZADOCK SERLY, of Plum township, Venango county, is still managing a farm at the very great age of 96 years. Mr. Serly retains his ental faculties to a remarkable degree, and until this spring was active in all the affairs of

L. C. BENNETT showed a Wellsboro editor several stalks of rye almost four feet in length and the heads more than half grown. He says he has got six acres of such rye at Niles Vailey, and thinks it is a remarkable growth for this time of the year. A HARRISBURG driver having run over a fine

dog, lifted it tenderly into his wagon and drove on. Fifty yards further on he ran over and bad-ly hurt a boy named Baker, whereupon he rattled out of sight without waiting to learn of his victim's condition.

his victim's condition,

Mn. Stilles, of Norristown, has a horse that
is a high liver. He caus confectionery, cake and
ice cream, and will walk up on the pavement to
the front store door, gaze longingly at a bunch
of bananas until one is peeled and given to him,
His tasts, however, is deprayed to the extent of
a pronounced liking for tobacco.

CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

-A 1314-pound frog was recently caught at Delaware City.

-A swallow has built its nest on the tor of the Eiffel tower. -A goat at Goshen, Ind., stole two \$20 otes from her owner's coat pocket and ate

-City Treasurer Henry Wolford, of Louisville, Ky., born in Philadelphia 89 years ago, has been half his life in office. -A Mrs. Kirkham, residing in Frederick, Ill., and weighing only 30 pounds, is the mother of three children born last week. -It is estimated that more than 400,000 orange trees have been planted in San Ber-mardino and Les Angeles counties, Cal., this

-A street in the city of Tacoma, in the new State of Washington has been named Whittier. The nearest street to it bears the name of Langtey.

-A bear came upon the premises of Charles Vogier, of Moltke, Presque county, Mich., recently and lugged off a calf and a sheep while Mrs. Vogler looked on in consider-

-Here is a marriage notice elipped from Cleveland paper: "In Guilford, Medina county, Ohio, on the 2d inst., by S. Wilson, Esq., Mr. Samuel D. Curtis to Miss Sally Mus phy, after a tedious courtship of 15 years which was borne with Christian fortitude and -Friday morning lightning struck the

house of a farmer living near Portsmouth, Mich., and tore the cook stove apart where it was put together without breaking a single piece. The lightning then glanced into another room and tore all the plaster from the ceiling. In addition, the locks were torn from every door in the house. -Miss Kate Young, teacher of the West bews (Mich.) school, took a novel method of

supplying a demand that the school board re-fused to heed. She had each pupil bring an egg, and then sold them at a convenient gro-cery. With the proceeds she purchased towels and soap, and the appearance of the children after play hours is much improved. -Young Mr. Hulin, who lived on Tallapoosa river, in Clay county, Alabama, went

on quitting Mr. Hulin had a heavy bag of fish around his neck. He decided to take a swim. Getting into deep water, the fish pulled him under. He managed to rise to the surface once, but immediately sank, and was never seen again. -At a swell wedding in Brooklyn a set of fiamonds, valued at \$500, which had been prented to the bride by the groom, were missed.

A detective who was present said he thought he could lay his hand on the thief. After con-sulting with the bride's father, he proceeded to the room of her brother and found in the pock-ets of his pantaloons \$150 and a pawn ticket for the missing jewels. -Some of the largest mountain trout ever caught east of the Rocky Mountains are being taken from the Willow river, three miles from Hudson, Wis. These trout were fry four years ago, being less than half an inch in length when shipped there at that time from the Madison hatchery and planted in Willow river. They are now being captured daily weighing four or five pounds, while one was caught last Sunday weighing five and three-quarter pounds dressed.

-An unusual accident occurred at the ionic at Pate's mill, Warren county, Georgia. A couple of well-known young people held entire possession of a buggy, and engaged in conversation. A wandering swarm of bees, in search of a hive, were unable to resist the opportunity to gather in the sweets, and made a sadden descent upon that buggy. Couple and bees were terribly mixed for a while, but a thrifty negro soon had the bees hived and the original status was restored.

The Meyers of Tame City form had

-The Mayor of Tama City, Iowa, has telegraphed for the President of the State ard of Health to come up there at once. He says the Iowa river is full of dead fish, and they go floating by Tama City by the cart load, mak-ing people sick and threatening the town with an epidemic. He says the river is full of the decaying fish as far as Marshalltown, and thinks it is due to the Marshalltown Gine Works, that empty their refuse into the As this refuse consists largely of diluphuric acid, it is considered vary univier the fish.

—A nervous young man, who cal the President, fidgeted around for a then walked boully up to him, and said; "Some time ago I made an application for an appointment. I want it awfully bad. I don't appointment. I want it awfully had. I don's care for it myself, but the fact is, Mr. President," and here the young man blushed to the tips of his hair. "I am engaged to be married. Unless I get this appointment the engagement won't stand. There, you have it, and now you know why I am so anxious." It is said that the card bearing the name of the applicant and the office he wants was laid carefully away by the President, and that the young man is likely to be made happy.

-G. A. R. Bible, one of the county school commissioners of Dade county, Alabama, tells of a snake he killed in his yard. It was what is known as the horned species and a very poison-ous reptile. Instead of biting it strikes with its tail, which has a horn on it. He said that he once saw one strike a dog and in 15 minutes the dog was dead from the effects of the poison in the horn. The snake that Mr. Bible killed also had fangs. It was five feet long and the horn was three inches, showing that it was a very old one. It is said that this species of snakes are so poisonous as to even kill a tree if they should happen to strike it with their horn. They are very uncommon.

-A woman was seen at the Brandwwine. near Pocopson station trying to drown a cat. She had a stone tied to it, and gathering the cat up into her apren she waded into the stream and dropped it. The string attached to the stone was so long that it allowed the cat to come to the surface and swim around in a circle. She then seized a stick and pushed the cat under. Finally three boys came along and eat unour. Finally shree boys came along and
effered aid. They took the cat from the water
and went on a lynching expedition, but the cat
wouldn't die. They then tied a big rock to the
feline's neck, and dropped her from the roof of
a barn. After two hours' work a passing
sportsman was called, and pussy died with a
charge of buckshot in her head.

CHUNKS OF HUMOR.

He Knew Her.-Wite-I want you to take my advice, love.
.Hubby—All right, my dear. Remember, I have taken it now, and never attempt to give it to me again.-N. Y. Evening Sun.

Doctor.-Your blood is deficient in qualltr, Mr. Jones. What you need is more fron in the system. Mr. Jones-That can't be, doctor. I have stepped on at least 2 tacks with my bare feet since house cleaning began. -Buriington Free Press. Outrageous.-So you don't like tall

romen! asked a decided misanthrops of a friend, 'Not a bit. If I ever marry it shall be the smallest one I can find."
"Quite right, my boy-of two evils choose the Briggs.-What the dickens are you applauding that jay for? Why, he can't sing that song any better than a 16-year-old boy. Braggs-I know he can't, but I thought I would applaud him for his magnificent exhibition of nerve.—Terre

Mrs. Gadd .- You look tired, Mrs. Gabb, What is the matter? Mrs. Gabb-Tired! I'm nearly dead. I have sat at my bathroom window for seven weeks right along, listening to th sounds in the parsonage next door, and I haven's heard a cross word yet. - Neso Xork Weekly. Descon.-Were you at church yesterday.

Mr. Toper? Mr. Toper-I was not. Deacon-Sorry. We had a splendid sermon on the consti-tutional amendment. You missed it. Toper (sadiy)—I guess not. I got it all from my wife last night before I went to sleep.—Lowell Citizen. Professional.-A dentist's wife gave an

entertainment.

During the course of the evening, which had proved an unusually dull one, Miss Lucy, the cidest clive branch, approached the piano with a concerto in D minor under her arm.

Guest (with evident alarm)—Are anæsthetics given here during the operation?—Judgs. "I can say what few men can," announced

an Oil City man with a lilac-colored nose.
"And what is that?"
"That I do not know what intoxicating liquor "Which only proves that you are a greater liar than most men," answered the other as he strolled away. - Bilistord.

"ONE TOUCH OF NATURE." From out its "cream-laid" envelope I draw her dainty note, And on the air around me

Her own "wood violets" float, With sweet anticipation
I ope the well-filled sheet,
And at its fund beginning
My pulses which beat.

But desper the emotions

Roused at this reite dumb-s

On the last page my angul

Has dropped her chawing-gom.

Aristine indusers, in indus-